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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICATION OF

BERND WILLING

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/195,005

FILED: NOVEMBER 18, 1998

TITLE: DEVICE FOR INSERTING  
AND REMOVING WORK  
STATIONS CIRCULATING ON  
A CHAIN

) EXPEDITED UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
) EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
) EXAMINING GROUP NO. 3651

) EXAMINER: J. E. VALENZA

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 14, 2000, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 14, 2001. The Examiner's rejections have been carefully considered, and in view of the remarks, and claim amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims is courteously requested.

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel Claims 4 - 5.

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for  
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JEL  
3/20/01*

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